

Tuesday
24 Feb.

Dearest Mother,

This is the first letter
I've written since we
got to Incheon - and I just
don't know where to start.
- First - and simply - it
has been a terrific experience
and quite an adjustment.
It isn't as cold now as
it was on the way up, which
helps, - and it isn't raining.
I've been ashore once - one
of those "duty" things because
I'm "so good-looking" - they

like to show me off! - No more
of that! - The Brass can look
at movie magazines and
calendars because I'm bored
to death with them. - I didn't
see much of Incheon, but enough
to be amazed at the lack of
things - anything - here; also,
I'm amazed at the number
of homeless children wander-
ing aimlessly about in little
groups. They do not have that
dazed appearance that the
newsreels and pictures depicted
of the children in Europe - for
which I'm thankful. I don't

think I could stand to go
ashore if they did. Everyone
out here - the Americans - are
good to them though. We've al-
ready got a fund started for a
spring party for them. It was
started spontaneously at church
Sunday, and although I wasn't
at church. I was elected Secy.
Treasurer of the Orphans fund.
Of course, it made me feel
guilty that I have been so
neglectful of my pledge to
our own people, but I've
made up my mind to
correct that. - Mother, while
I was home I heard so
many people criticize the

Troops for all they have done
or are doing for the orphans
over here - and I would won-
der at times if they were not
right. It's just something
you have to see to appreciate.
You would be ashamed of
me - and they of their
sons and daughters - if
we didn't help them. By
comparison, our orphans
live like kings and queens,
and they most certainly
are fewer in number. When
you get right down to it,
it is our Americans at home
who should be criticized be-
cause while we have so
much at home (and help

others so little, we still have
orphanages. - Here, even the
adults give something even
if it leaves them with nothing.
They give unobtrusively and
regularly. I have checked
in to this thoroughly with our
Chaplains, the Chaplains from
the Consolation, and the Korean
interpreters, so I think I'm
justified in saying this.

The remainder of the crew
from the last Cruise brought
scads of clothing for them,
and we're going to get together
soon and sort it. If you hear
of anyone who has baby and
toddler clothes, just box it
up and send it. - Most of

the children at the Orphanage
(at home) are older aren't they?
I certainly don't want to
deprive them of anything, and
I would like to see these little
children warm. Clothes wouldn't
be quite the problem it is if
there were better methods of
heating.

About my patients. The
first ones I got were con-
valescent cases from the
Indochina. 2 Korean Service
Corps (civilians who volunteer
their services - without pay)
1 Korean civilian - a child
3 years old - and 2 American

boys with injuries unrelated
to battles - One fell, the other
has a "bad back." Then Sun-
day - I saw my first casualty.
I can't really describe my
feelings - my first thought
was to cry - then anger - they
"this is no time for that" - (all
in a flash that happened) - they
I got to work. ^{Pinned} He had been
shot through the neck and had
multiple missile wounds of
the arms and face. He was
still conscious and told us
that a patrol of 16 were sent
out on a 9- damned suicide
mission about 0030 (12:30 AM)
and didn't come back so

they sent 16 more out to look
for them and about half way
out those dirty b- opened
up with all they had - 3 of
the original sixteen were accounted
for - 10 of the next sixteen
were unhurt, 1 was killed
and 5 were just plain messed
up. I don't think Linello will
live. The other 4 are on the
Consolation and are also critical.
Mom, he was so tired that for
awhile, he was mentally alert
but had such a "numb" look
on his face that you knew that
he didn't feel a thing. He finally
would drop off to sleep and not
even flinch while I cleaned
his face & neck and believe

me - that was a job. Anyone
else would have had an anes-
thetic. - Then we got 3
gun shot wounds of the head
in at 1 1/2 hour intervals dur-
ing the rest of the day. Rivera,
one of them, goes the same way
as Pinello, ^{about fatigue, talking, etc.} ~~except that~~ his arms
were much worse - the bone
in the right arm was com-
pletely shattered by one bullet
and his fingers are literally
rotting away from frost bite.
He's doing fairly well, and never
complains. None of them do!!
I cannot do enough for them,
and strangely, I'm not ex-
hausted although I should be.
I'm very tired and it's be -

ginning to show, but even at
that - I do go on without
noticing it until I get ready
to go to bed. I lie down at
noon, and sometimes before
dinner - have to - and I do
very well that way. The
Lord is helping me to help
them I think. - They are all
such good patients. Our little
boy - Kum Pa Lee - isn't doing
so well tonight and I've
been up there helping with
him. He was shot through
the arm by an American
guard who caught him stealing
food! Honestly! That is dis-
gusting. He had some surgery

^{unusually} have to relieve the Causalgia and
to restore nerve function, and
has developed pneumonia. He is so
pathetic - an orphan - and so
uncomfortable.

Since I have so many
Koreans, and they are so sick
I talked Thaddens, our Korean
interpreter, into teaching me
Korean. I'm just learning
certain words and phrases
right now, and my patients
seem so grateful that I take the
trouble to remember some of
their language. They laugh at
me, but all in fun. They have
been very helpful. Our Ameri-
can boys wait on them hand
and foot. - Zubritsky "fathers"
Sukoshi (Japanese for a little

but"). I call him Chokum
One Sing - (Little Monkey in
Korean) and he just grins!

I'm going to take time out
for a party Saturday night (Din
off) that the Marines are having
for us - all of us - line ^{of} Doctors,
nurses from here & the Connie.
It sounds like fun and I need
the change. We're even going to
dance!

Mother Din is tired so
"An nyong hi ka sit sid" for
now - Goodbye in good
American English. If I
don't write often - don't worry
as it gets warmer we ^{will} get bet-
ter. Besides - we have 1-3
air raid warnings a night and
have to get up & dressed for some
to write after the 15th ^{have} ^{your daughter}